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A simple method is provided for the computation of the redistribution of residual stresses and the stress intensity factors due to the introduction of notches and cracks in a partially autofrettaged tube. Numerical results of several crack and notch problems are obtained by the method of thermal simulation. These results are shown to be in excellent agreement with those obtained from the classical method of superposition. The new method based on thermal simulation (CONT'D ON REVERSE)

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NOMENCLATURE

- a = inner radius, 1" (2.54 cm)
- b = outer radius, 2° (5.08 cm)
- c-c = a radial cut passing through a radial crack
- d = the depth of a radial crack, 0.2" (.508 cm)
- r,θ = cylindrical coordinates
- ρ = the radius of elastic-plastic interface during pressurization
- o = normal stress
- σ_0 = yield stress, 170 Ksi (1173 MPa)
- T = temperature at r
- $T_a, T_o = temperature at r = a and r = \rho respectively$
- E = Young's modulus, 30×10^6 psi (207 GPa)
- = coefficient of thermal expansion, 6.8×10^{-6} in/in/°F (12.24 x 10^{-6} m/m/°C)
- ν = Poisson's ratio, 0.3
- K_1 = mode 1 stress intensity factor, $Ksi\sqrt{in} = 1.1 \text{ MPa/m}$)

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INTRODUCTION

A hollow cylinder is a common configuration used in pressure vessels. According to the classical Lame' solution for an elastic cylinder, the largest tangential stress occurs at the bore. In order to increase the maximum pressure a cylinder can contain, to reduce the probability rate of crack initiation at the bore and to slow down the growth rate of a fatigue crack, a residual compressive stress can be introduced near the internal boundary. "Autofrettage" is such a process used to produce the favorable residual stresses in a gun barrel. By swaging an oversized mandrel through the bore or by applying a sufficiently high hydrostatic pressure at the bore, the cylinder is partially yielded. Upon removal of the inner pressure, a residual stress distribution will result in the cylinder. The tangential stress is highly compressive at the bore and varies logarithmically to tension over the region which was plastically deformed during pressurization. The plane-strain residual stresses due to autofrettage are well-known. The residual stress pattern will change due to changes of geometrical configurations such as the presence of keyways, notches, cracks, etc. The redistribution of residual stresses in these instances is not generally straight forward.

In a previous article we showed that an active thermal load can be used to produce thermal stresses equivalent to autofrettage residual stresses.

This approach provides a method to find the redistribution of residual

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stresses by computing the thermal stresses in the cylinder with notches and cracks under the thermal load. In this report we supply numerical verification to show the equivalence of thermal and residual stress redistribution caused by notches and the equivalence in stress intensity factors for cracks due to residual stresses and simulated thermal loads. The method of superposition requires distributed loads on the crack face. It results in singular stresses near the crack tip from the finite element computations using APES. On the other hand, the method of thermal simulation is simple in application and yields accurate results including stresses near the crack tip.

THERMAL STRESS SIMULATION

The plane-strain stress distribution of a partially autofrettaged tube using the von Mises' yield condition and the incompressibility condition is given by 2

$$\sigma_{\mathbf{r}} = \begin{cases} \frac{\sigma_{0}}{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} \left\{ (2 \log \frac{\mathbf{r}}{\rho} - 1 + \frac{\rho^{2}}{b^{2}}) - P_{1}(\frac{1}{b^{2}} - \frac{1}{\mathbf{r}^{2}}) \right\} & a \leq \mathbf{r} \leq \rho \end{cases}$$

$$(1)$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{0}}{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} (\rho^{2} - P_{1})(\frac{1}{b^{2}} - \frac{1}{\mathbf{r}^{2}}) \qquad \rho \leq \mathbf{r} \leq b \qquad (2)$$

$$\sigma_{\theta} = \begin{cases} \frac{\sigma_{0}}{\sqrt{3}} \left\{ 2 \log \frac{r}{\rho} + 1 + \frac{\rho^{2}}{b^{2}} - P_{1}(\frac{1}{b^{2}} + \frac{1}{r^{2}}) \right\} & a \leq r \leq \rho \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma_{0} = \begin{cases} \frac{\sigma_{0}}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\rho^{2} - P_{1} \right) \left(\frac{1}{b^{2}} + \frac{1}{r^{2}} \right) & \rho \leq r \leq b \end{cases}$$

$$\rho \leq r \leq b$$

$$(4)$$

²Hill, R., The Mathematical Theory of Plasticity, Oxford at the Clarendon Press, 1950.

Where P₁, a constant depending on geometrical dimensions only,

$$P_1 = \frac{a^2b^2}{b^2 - a^2} \left(1 - \frac{\rho^2}{b^2} + 2 \log \frac{\rho}{a}\right)$$
 (5)

Upon the application of the following thermal load

$$\begin{cases}
T = T_a - \frac{(T_a - T_\rho)}{\log(\rho/a)} & \text{if } r \leq \rho \\
T = T_\rho & \text{if } r \leq b
\end{cases}$$
(6)

the thermal stresses in the hollow cylinder arel

$$\sigma_{\mathbf{r}} = \begin{cases} \frac{E\alpha(T_{\mathbf{a}} - T_{\rho})}{2(1 - \nu)\log(\rho/\mathbf{a})} \left\{ (2 \log \frac{\mathbf{r}}{\rho} - 1 + \frac{\rho^2}{\mathbf{b}^2}) - P_1(\frac{1}{\mathbf{b}^2} - \frac{1}{\mathbf{r}^2}) \right\} & \mathbf{a} \leq \mathbf{r} \leq \rho \\ \frac{E\alpha(T_{\mathbf{a}} - T_{\rho})}{2(1 - \nu)\log(\rho/\mathbf{a})} (\rho^2 - P_1)(\frac{1}{\mathbf{b}^2} - \frac{1}{\mathbf{r}^2}) & \rho \leq \mathbf{r} \leq \mathbf{b} \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma_{\theta} = \begin{cases} \frac{E\alpha(T_{a}-T_{\rho})}{2(1-\nu)\log(\rho/a)} \left\{ 2 \log \frac{r}{\rho} + 1 + \frac{\rho^{2}}{b^{2}} - P_{1}(\frac{1}{b^{2}} + \frac{1}{r^{2}}) \right\} & a < r < \rho \\ \frac{E\alpha(T_{a}-T_{\rho})}{2(1-\nu)\log(\rho/a)} (\rho^{2}-P_{1})(\frac{1}{b^{2}} + \frac{1}{r^{2}}) & \rho < r < b \end{cases}$$

¹Hussain, M. A., Pu. S. L., Vasilakis, J. D., and O'Hara, P., "Simulation of Partial Autofrettage by Thermal Loads," Journal of Pressure Vessel Technology, Vol. 102, No. 3, 1980, pp. 314-318.

If the temperature gradient of the thermal load and the yield stress of the cylinder material satisfy the relation

E
$$\alpha$$
(Ta-T ρ) 2 σ ₀

$$= ---$$
2(1- ν)log(ρ /a) $\sqrt{3}$
(8)

the thermal stresses and the autofrettage residual stresses become equivalent.

Using the temperature distributions as temperature input in a finite-difference computer program based on the theory of thermal stress in Sections 9-10 of reference 3, numerical results were obtained for the thermal stresses in a cylinder. These values were shown in reference 1 to be in good agreement with residual stresses computed from equations (1) to (4). Thermal stresses were also computed using the finite element NASTRAN program. The finite element results for the thermal stresses were also in excellent agreement with the autofrettage residual stresses. It remains to be shown that the redistribution of thermal stresses due to the presence of geometrical discontinuities simulates the redistribution of residual stresses caused by the same geometrical changes. This question of simulation was specifically raised by a review of the work of Kapp, who applied the idea of thermal load simulation to stress analysis of autofrettaged cylinders with an OD notch.

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Boley, B. A. and Weiner, J. H., Theory of Thermal Stresses, John Wiley and Sons, 1960.

⁴Kapp, J. A. and Pflegl, G. A., "Stress Analysis of OD Notched Thick-Walled Cylinders Subjected to Internal Pressure or Thermal Loads," Technical Report ARLCB-TR-80005, Benet Weapons Laboratory, LCWSL, ARRADCOM, US Army, February 1980.

STRESS INTENSITY FACTOR DUE TO THE RESIDUAL STRESS

Consider a crack in the radial direction emanating from the outer boundary of an autofrettaged tube. The crack will be opened up due to the tensile residual stress in the circumferential direction. This will change the residual stress distribution in the tube. A method is required to compute the stress intensity factor due to the residual stress. The method of thermal simulation was proposed and used in reference 1. The method of superposition, which will be discussed below, is another. The result from the method of superposition is within one percent of that reported in reference 1 by the method of thermal simulation.

For an ID (inner diameter) radial crack, the crack remains closed in the compressive residual stress region. The stress intensity factor is zero and the crack does not affect the residual stress field. The crack will open when a sufficiently large internal pressure is applied on the inner boundary of the cylinder. The stress intensity factor is the net sum of two values, one is positive corresponding to the tensile stress due to the applied internal pressure and the other is negative due to the compressive residual stress. If the absolute value of the latter is larger than the former, the net result of the stress intensity factor is zero since negative stress intensity factor has no physical meaning. However for computational purposes, a negative stress intensity factor due to the compressive residual stress is convenient and should be understood as such. It is necessary to have an effective method for

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the computation of the stress intensity factor due to the compressive residual stress.

The thermal stress simulation mentioned in the previous section provides a method of computation of stress intensity factors due to residual stresses. The residual stress is replaced by an active thermal load which produces a thermal stress distribution identical to the residual stress. The stress intensity factor sought is obtained from that due to the thermal load.

The finite element computer program APES, using 12-node isoparametric elements, is used in all the numerical computations reported here. This powerful program has been continually expanded to add new features such as graphical output, thermal loading, crack face loading for enriched elements, etc., and to increase the capacity to handle a maximum of 200 elements. The new thermal input feature of APES came just in time for the fracture analysis due to thermal loading.

As a first example, consider a cylinder with two ID cracks, Figure 1(a). From the symmetry of the problem, only the first quadrant of the cylinder is needed to be considered. The finite element idealization using two enriched elements at the crack tip is shown in Figure 1(b). The temperature at the bore is arbitrarily chosen to be $T_a = 0$. The temperature at the outer boundary can be computed from equation (8). It depends on the material constants

⁵Gifford, L. Nash, "APES-Finite Element Fracture Mechanics Analysis Revised Documentation," Naval Ship Research and Development Center Technical Report DTNSRDC-79/023, March 1979.

of the cylinder as well as the degree of overstrain. For a cylinder with E = 30×10^6 psi (207 GPa), v = 0.3, $\alpha = 6.8 \times 10^{-6}$ in/in/°F (12.24 x 10^{-6} cm/cm/°C), $\sigma_0 = 170$ Ksi (1173 MPa), the temperature at the outside boundary is $T_p = -633.17$ °F (-333.98°C) for 60% autofrettage. The same quantity for 100% autofrettage is $T_p = -933.77$ °F (-500.98°C). For a crack depth d = 0.2 in. in a tube of b = 2 in., a = 1 in. the numerical results for the stress intensity factor due to the thermal load are $K_1 = -89.403$ Ksi $\sqrt{\text{in}}$ (1 Ksi $\sqrt{\text{in}} = 1.1$ MPa $\sqrt{\text{m}}$) and $K_1 = -109.63$ Ksi $\sqrt{\text{in}}$ for 60% and 100% overstrained tubes, respectively. Using the well-known form of $K_1 = 1.12(\pi d)^{1/2}\sigma_0(r=a)$ for shallow edge cracks as a normalizing factor, the corresponding dimensionless stress intensity factors are $K_1/[1.12(\pi d)^{1/2}(\sigma_0)_a] = 0.70$ and 0.74, respectively.

Another method based on the principle of superposition can be used to compute the stress intensity factor due to the autofrettage residual stress denoted by S_R . The tangential residual stress of S_R on the cross section c-c, Figure 1(a), for a 100% autofrettaged cylinder is shown in Figure 2(a). The stresses at r = a, a+d, and b are denoted by $(\sigma_\theta)_a$, $(\sigma_\theta)_d$ and $(\sigma_\theta)_b$, respectively. Let S_c be the normal traction distributed on the crack surface which tends to close the crack. Its magnitude is identical to the corresponding tangential residual stress of S_R as shown in Figure 2(b). The normal traction which is equal and opposite to S_c is designated by S_T , Figure 2(c). If both S_c and S_T are added to S_R , they produce no net effect, Figure 3(a). Now if S_T and S_R are combined, the crack surface is free of stress and remains closed. The stress intensity factor is of course zero, Figure 3(b). The negative stress intensity factor due to the normal traction S_c , Figure 3(c), must

equal the stress intensity factor due to S_R . The same finite element ideal-ization of Figure 1(b) is used in the computer program to obtain the stress intensity factor due to S_C , which replaces the thermal load in the previous computation. The new feature of the APES program of crack face loading for enriched elements is used. The numerical result for a distributed load S_C corresponding to the 100% overstrain is $K_1 = -109.44~Ksi\sqrt{in}$. The percentage of error for the previous result due to thermal loading is 0.17%. This confirms that the thermal simulation gives a method for the computation of the stress intensity factor due to residual stress.

The APES program with the distributed crack face loading gives the correct stress intensity factor and singular stresses at the crack tip and its adjacent nodes. For instance, the stress σ_{θ} at the node nearest to and in front of the crack tip along the x-axis is -0.786×10^{49} psi. The thermal stress at the same node due to the simulated thermal load is $\sigma_{\theta} = -0.564 \times 10^6$ psi. From the stress intensity factor obtained, the normal stress can be estimated by the near field solution due to Westergaard⁶

$$\sigma_{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{K_1}{\sqrt{\pi r}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left[1 - \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right] \tag{9}$$

$$\sigma_{y} = \frac{\kappa_{1}}{\sqrt{\pi r}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left[1 + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right]$$
 (10)

⁶Westergaard, H. M., "Bearing Pressures and Cracks," Transactions of the ASME, Journal of Applied Mechanics, 1939.

For θ = 0, r = 0.015 and K_1 = -109.44 Ksi \sqrt{in} , we have σ_{θ} = σ_y = -0.504 x 10⁶ psi. The method of thermal simulation gives not only correct stress intensity factors for cracks, but also correct stresses even close to the crack tip.

STRESS REDISTRIBUTION

Due to the presence of notches, such as the two notches shown in Figure 4(a), redistribution of residual stresses occurs in the cylinder. To find the resultant residual stresses, thermal stress simulation may be used. The redistribution of thermal stresses due to the presence of notches under the simulated thermal load should be the same as residual stress redistribution. This will be verified numerically in what follows.

The redistribution of thermal stresses can be obtained numerically by the computer program APES. The finite element mesh of a quarter of the ring with one half of the notch is shown in Figure 4(b). The tangential thermal stresses at nodal points 1-10 along the x-axis and at nodal points 88-100 along the y-axis are tabulated in column (1) of Table I for a temperature gradient corresponding to 60% overstrain.

The redistribution of residual stresses can be computed based on the principle of superposition. Let S_R and S_R' be the residual stresses in the ring before and after the introduction of the notches. The compressive tangential stress on mn and the compressive radial stress on nq can be computed from equations (3) and (1) for the ring without the notch. The state of stress produced in the ring due to the distributed compressive stresses just obtained on mn and nq is denoted by S_C . Let S_T be equal and opposite to S_C . The redistribution of residual stresses, S_R' , is not affected by adding S_C and S_T simultaneously.

The sum of S_R ' and S_C is nothing but S_R . Hence S_R ' is the sum of S_R and S_T . Exact values of tangential residual stress for S_R at the selected nodal points are tabulated in column (2) of Table I. The state of stress S_T can be computed by APES using the same finite element mesh, Figure 4(b), with the applied load distributed on mn and nq. The numerical results of σ_θ for S_T are given in column (3) of Table I. The sum of two values in columns (2) and (3) is σ_θ for S_R ' given in column (4). The agreement between σ_θ in column (4) for S_R ' and that in column (1) for thermal load is excellent.

Table II gives the similar comparison for the case of 100% overstrain.

TABLE I. REDISTRIBUTION OF σ_{θ} DUE TO TWO ID NOTCHES IN A CYLINDER WITH 60% OVERSTRAIN

T		σ _θ in Ksi Corresponding to			
1	<u> </u>	(1 Ksi = 6.9 MPa)			į.
Node	r/a	Thermal Load	S _R	s_{T}	SR + ST
(Fig. 4)	<u> </u>	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1 1	1.250	-210.20	- 38.91	-171.28	-210.19
2	1.3067	- 146.75	- 20.96	-125.79	-146.75
] 3	1.3633	- 95.87	- 4.52	- 91.41	- 95.93
4	1.420	- 52.20	10.63	- 62.84	- 52.20
5	1.480	- 14.37	25.46	- 39.80	- 14.34
1 6 1	1.540	13.16	39.20	- 26.05	13.15
7	1.600	34.10	51.98	- 17.84	34.14
1 8	1.7333	45.85	47.29	- 1.46	45.83
1 9 1	1.8667	60.78	43.57	17.23	60.80
10	2.0	77.27	40.57	36.64	77.21
88	1.0	-116.63	-143.95	26.92	-117.03
89	1.0833	- 82.39	-103.08	20.98	- 82.10
90	1.1667	- 53.89	- 68.56	15.03	- 53.53
91	1.250	- 29.76	- 38.91	9.12	- 29.79
92	1.3067	- 14.11	- 20.96	6.55	- 14.41
93	1.3633	- 0.80	i - 4.52 i	3.78	- 0.74
94	1.42	11.69	10.63	1.04	11.67
95	1.48	24.24	1 25.46 I	- 1.45	24.01
96	1.54	35.41	39.20	- 3.85 l	35.35
97	1.60	46.01	51.98	- 5.97	46.01
98	1.7333	36.95	47.24	- 10.48	36.81
j 99 j	1.8667	29.32	43.57	- 14.32	29.25
100	2.0	23.21	40.57	- 17.46	23.11

TABLE II. REDISTRIBUTION OF σ_{θ} DUE TO TWO ID NOTCHES IN A CYLINDER WITH 100% OVERSTRAIN

T1	·	σ _θ in Ksi Corresponding to			
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	(1 Ksi = 6.9 MPa)			
Node	r/a	Thermal Load	SR	ST	SR + ST
(Fig. 4)	<u> </u>	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
! . !		070 70	57 (2	012.20	270 001
1 1 1	1.250	-270.79	- 57.43	-213.39	-270.82
] 2]	1.3067	-163.97	- 30.70	-133.26	-163.96
3	1.3633	- 85.48	- 7.14	- 78.41	- 85.55
1 4 1	1.420	- 31.11	13.84	- 44.89	- 31.05
1 5 1	1.480	9.74	! 32.72	- 22.74	9.78
1 6 1	1.540	41.27	49.85	- 8.62	41.23
1 7 1	1.600	65.8 0	65.49	0.31	65.80
1 8	1.7333	92.89	79.89	13.02	92.91
9	1.8667	122.06	93.21	28.85	122.05
1 10	2.0	151.66	105.59	46.06	151.65
88	1.0	-133.33	1 -166.54	32.68	-133.86
89	1.0833	- 98.89	-123.99	25.42	- 98.57
90	1.1667	- 70.45	- 88.15	18.16	- 69.99
91	1.250	- 46.36	- 57.43	11.09	- 46.34
92	1.3067	- 24.06	- 30.70	6.39	- 24.31
93	1.3633	- 5.69	1 - 7.14	1.58	- 5.56
i 94	1.420	11.03	1 13.84	- 2.86	10.98
95	1.480	28.38	32.72	- 6.60	26.12
96	1.540	39.69	49.85	- 10.14	39.71
97	1.600	52.41	65.49	- 13.22	52.27
1 98	1.7333	64.00	79.89	- 16.21	63.68
99	1.8667	74.47	93.21	- 18.87	74.341
100	2.0	84.30	105.59	- 21.25	84.34

CRACKS INITIATED FROM NOTCHES

In the previous example of two notches in an autofrettaged tube, two radial cracks are initiated from the notches, Figure 5. The stress intensity factor at the crack tip can be computed by the method of thermal simulation without additional complications. The same finite element idealization shown in Figure 4(b) is used here. However, elements (1) and (2) are enriched crack tip elements. The stress intensity factor for this problem is $K_1 = -100.87$ $Ksi\sqrt{in}$ for a thermal load corresponding to 60% overstrain.

To use the method of superposition, it is logical to obtain the stress distribution along the crack line (nodes 1 to 4 in Figure 4) in the notched autofrettaged cylinder before the crack is actually introduced. This computation has been accomplished in the previous section. The results for a 60% overstrained cylinder are shown in Table I. Along the edge of element 1, where the radial crack will appear, the tangential stress components σ_6 are -210.19 Ksi, -146.75 Ksi, -95.93 Ksi and -52.20 Ksi at nodes 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively. Applying this distributed crack face load as the only loading condition to the finite element idealization shown in Figure 4(b) again, with elements (1) and (2) being enriched crack tip elements, the APES program gives the stress intensity factor $K_1 = -103.41 \text{ Ksi}\sqrt{\text{in}}$. The percentage of error between this result and that obtained from thermal loading is about three percent. The higher percentage of error is due to the accumulation of errors in the repeated finite element computations in the method of superposition.

In the last example, the cracks appeared after the presence of the notches. The order of presence was maintained in the previous computation. However, the order is indifferent based on the principle of superposition in the linear theory of elasticity. If both the notches and the cracks are assumed to be present at the same time, it provides an alternative way for the computation of the stress intensity factor. Using the same finite element mesh shown in Figure 4(b), the stress intensity factor is computed for distributed loads applied on mn, nq, and the edge from node 1 to node 4 of element (1). The loads equal the normal stresses on mn, nq and on the edge of element (1) which we obtained from equations (3) and (1) for the autofrettaged cylinder without geometrical discontinuities. The stress intensity factor thus

obtained from APES is $K_1 = -100.81$ Ksi $\sqrt{\text{in}}$. It is in excellent agreement with $K_1 = -100.87$ Ksi $\sqrt{\text{in}}$ for the simulated thermal load.

With the method of superposition, it is necessary to apply the distributed load on the crack face which causes singular stress at and near the crack tip using the APES program. The thermal simulation method on the other hand gives quite accurate stress near the crack tip. For the combination of cracks and notches, the tangential thermal stress at node 5, Figure 4(b), is σ_{θ} = -215 Ksi. The hoop stress estimated from the stress intensity factor based on equation (10) at the same node is σ_{θ} = -232 Ksi.

CONCLUSION

The thermal stress simulation of residual stresses can be used for the computation of stress intensity factors for cracks and of stress redistribution due to the presence of cracks and notches in a residual stress field.

Numerical results have shown the excellent agreement between thermal stress and residual stress and between the redistributions of thermal and residual stresses caused by notches and cracks. The method is simple and accurate and has some advantages over the classical method of superposition which results in singular stresses near the crack tip in the finite element computation.

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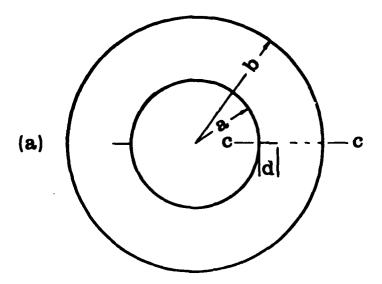


Figure 1(a). Two equal and symmetric radial cracks in a tube.

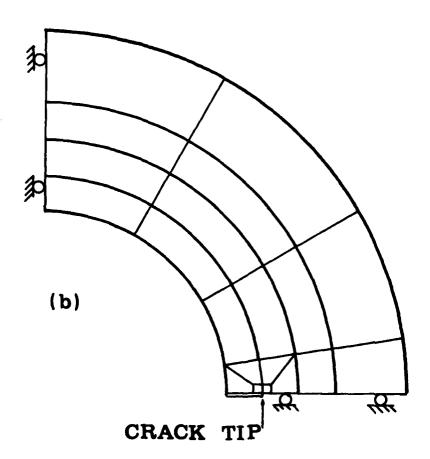


Figure 1(b). Finite element idealization for Figure 1(a).

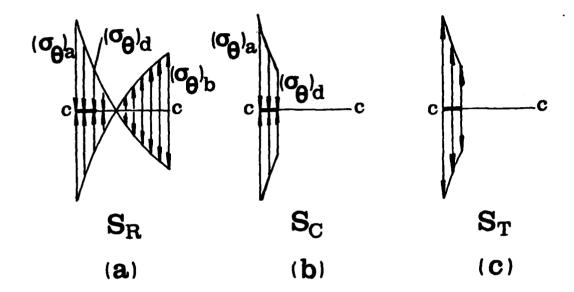


Figure 2(a). Residual stress normal to the cross section cc of a 100% overstrained tube.

Figures 2(b) and (c). Normal transactions on the crack surface.

Figure 3. Stress intensity factor due to the residual stress by superposition.

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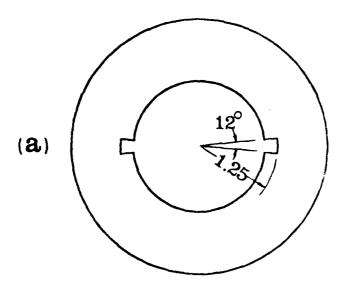


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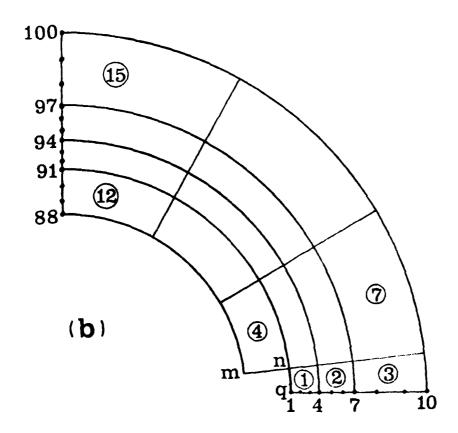


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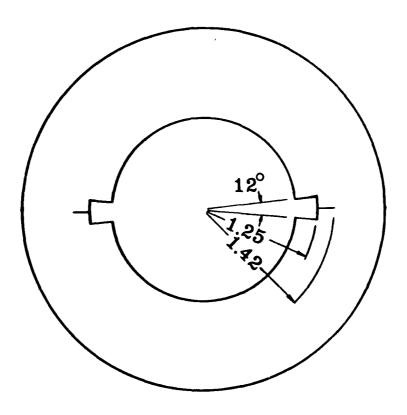


Figure 5. Two equal and symmetric radial cracks initiated from notches in a tube shown previously.

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